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# Town Officers

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers

GEORGE W BREWSTER                      GEORGE A GRAY  
WILLIAM B CLAIRE

Town Clerk—GERALD THOMPSON

Treasurer and Collector—ERNEST W BURRILL

Road Commissioner—JOHN F COWING

Superintending School Committee

MAURICE MILLER    E W BURRILL    E T BLACK

Superintendent of Schools—C O TURNER

Board of Health

JOSEPHINE D MOORE    E W BURRILL    E T BLACK

Ballot Clerks—HAZEL COWING              M B BREWSTER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

A F MOORE              G W BREWSTER              E W BURRILL  
E T BLACK              A G HOOPER              RUEL HIGGINS

Constables—G W BREWSTER              W B CLAIRE

Moderator—ERNEST W BURRILL



# Town Warrant

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TO WILLIAM B CLAIRE, a Constable of the Town of Dedham, in the County of Hancock, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Dedham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the 14th day of March A. D. 1927 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 To act on reports of town officers.
- Art. 4 To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, poor and town charges, roads, bridges, high school tuition, and to defray all necessary town charges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to help defray expenses of Memorial Day.
- Art. 7 To see if the town will vote when taxes shall be due and what rate shall be charged after date.

- Art. 8 To see if the town will vote yes or no on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid road, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916
- Art. 9 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of state aid road, as outlined by the state highway commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.
- Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money for the use of the town when necessary.
- Art. 11 To see what the town will vote to pay for collecting, disbursing, labor on roads, removing snow, etc., and all town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12 To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to sell and convey the town's interest in lands and buildings that have been forfeited to the town for non-payment of taxes.
- Art. 13 To see if the town will vote to raise not to exceed \$200 for the improvement of the Brown road, so called.



- Art. 14 To see if the town will vote to buy an adding machine and raise money for same.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to paint cemetery fences.
- Art. 16 To see if the town will vote yes or no on the question of authorizing the county commissioners to make a loan for an amount not exceeding \$18000 to build an addition to the county building for Registry of Deeds and Law Library.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Dedham this 25th day of February, A D 1927.

GEORGE W BREWSTER	}	Selectmen of Dedham
GEORGE A GRAY		
WILLIAM B CLAIRE		

## Assessors' Report

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Valuation of lands—resident	\$14280
“ buildings “	22540
Total real estate	<u>\$46820</u>
Valuation of personal estate—resident	20172
Total valuation—resident	<u>\$56992</u>
Valuation of lands—non-resident	\$88520
“ buildings “	48285
Total value of real estate—non-res	<u>\$136805</u>
Valuation of personal estate “	2160
Total valuation non-resident	<u>138965</u>
Total valuation	<u>195957</u>

### VALUATION OF TOWN

Total valuation of land	\$102800
“ “ buildings	70825
“ “ real estate	<u>\$173625</u>
“ “ personal estate	22332
“ “ of town	<u>\$195957</u>



## TAXES

Tax on \$195957 @ .04	\$7838.28
Supplementary tax on \$300 @ .04	12.00
Tax on 109 polls @ \$3	327.00
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Total amount of tax assessed	\$8177.28

## PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED

Schools, tuition and text-books	\$2200.00
Poor and town charges	1600.00
Roads and bridges	1500.00
Removing snow	300.00
Repairs and appliances for schools	200.00
Memorial Day	15.00
State aid road	300.00
Interest on school fund	68.98
Advertising Maine	25.00
State tax	1225.14
County tax	359.17
Overlay, including supplementary tax	383.99
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	\$8177.28

GEORGE W BREWSTER	} Assessors
GEORGE A GRAY	
WILLIAM B CLAIRE	
	} of
	} Dedham

# Selectmen's Report

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## ACCOUNT OF ORDERS

### Paid for—

Support of schools	\$2432.50
Text-books and supplies	52.30
Repairs of schoolhouses and appliances	23.65
Abatements	38.76

## LABOR AND MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

John F Cowing, Commissioner

### Paid—

Edgar Dauphinee	\$ 33.00
John F Cowing, road comm	174.50
Geo C Hopkins	139.50
Fred Bohn	77.75
Lester Gray	2 00
Frank Gray	132.00
Theodore Hamilton	15.00
J B Burrill	10.00
M Quinn	21.20
John F Cowing, team and material	142 50
Harvey Gray	49 50
Fred York	68 61
Shirley Young	27.00
John C Gray	39.00
Robert Harper	8.25



Clifford Jellison	12.00
H B Estes	102.00
M Johnson	6.00
E T Black	.74
Harmon Wilson	6.00
George Langley	6.00
Arthur Moore	3.00
Mary York	15.00
G W Brewster	16.50
Millard Carter	3.00
G A Gray	12.00
Willis Pinkham	29.25
Walter Gray	3.00
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	\$1154 30

#### MAINTENANCE OF PATROL ROADS

Paid state treasurer	\$557.10
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#### REMOVING SNOW

Paid—

F S York	\$37.30
Shirley Young	22.50
E J Gray	22 50
E Osgood	18.00
E V Dauphinee	9.00
J F Cowing	3.50
G C Hopkins	22.50
Clifford Jellison	12.00
Asa Sinclair	6.00
H B Estes	20.33
Bernard Black	12.33

Willis Pinkham	22.50
Herbert Barnes	2.33
H R Bates	4.83
Fred Black	26.00
Oscar Waining	4.00
E W Burrill	3.00
Gerald Thompson	23.02
Wm B Claire	2.33
Geo D Maynard	25.50
Mary York	11.66
Ellery T Gray	6.66
G W Brewster	4.50
Walter Gray	19.50
G A Gray	29.25
Warren Miller	2.33
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	\$373.37

## STATE AID ROAD

Paid—

John F Cowing, Foreman	\$ 89.25
Frank Gray	31.50
Shirley Young	110.00
David Kervinen	247.00
Harvey Gray	63.67
H B Estes, gravel	16.50
M Johnson	48.67
J F Cowing, team and cash for sharpening	75.50
E T Black, material	7.15
C M Conant Co, culvert	29.64
G C Hopkins	66.67



H B Hathaway	16.50
Horace White	18.00
Lester Gray	40.00
Elmer Gray	1.50
G A Gray	71.25
Frank Peabody	20.17
Joe French	39.67
Bernard Black	29.67
Marshall Daggett	66.00
Aaron Daggett	40.00
Hollis McTague	1 50
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	\$1127.81

## THIRD CLASS ROAD

J F Cowing, foreman	\$ 45.50
Fred Bohn	72.00
Frank Gray	15.00
Shirley Young	156.00
J F Cowing, team and cash paid for sharpening	30.00
Harvey Gray	36.00
Melvin Johnson	30.00
Michael Quinn	60.00
E T Black	7 50
Geo Hopkins	39 00
John Wakefield	1.50
Arthur Moore	33.00
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	\$525.50

## TOWN OFFICERS

Paid—

Hazel M Cowing, selectman, etc , balance 1925	\$ 9.00
E W Burrill, collector, 1925	198.57
Same, treasurer, 1925	53.43
G W Brewster, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor, balance 1925	50.00
C O Turner, supt of schools to March 1, 1927	100.00
G W Brewster, constable, 1925	10.50
E W Burrill, moderator, 1926	2.00
W B Claire, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor, part 1926	58.50
Same, constable	1.50
M B Brewster, ballot clerk, June, Sept. Nov. 1 and Nov. 29, 1925	12.00
Hazel M Cowing, same	12.00
G A Gray, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor, balance 1925	15.00
G Thompson, clerk, 1925	10.00
G W Brewster, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor, part 1926	79.50
E T Black, S S Com, joint meeting	2.20
M M Miller, same	4.00
G A Gray, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor, part 1926	57.00
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	\$675.20

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Paid—

F S York, fire at Bald Mt, May, 1925	\$ 3.60
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Shirley Young, same	3.30
H Osgood, same	1.80
E J Gray, same and Green Lake	7.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for collector	1.00
G W Brewster, cash for tel, postage, supplies, 1925	12.85
Same, care of hall, 1925	6.00
W H Gardner, 3 years insurance, town hall	75.00
A G Hooper, labor at Eastern cemetery, 1925-26	7.00
G W Brewster, state assessors meeting, Ellsworth, 1925	5.00
Same, labor, voting booths, Sept. and Dec., 1925	2.50
Newell White, printing 175 town reports, 1926	30.70
Same, supplies for collector	6.75
Josephine D Moore, health officer and supplies	20.20
G Thompson, reporting vital statistics	3.00
Same, express on ballots returned	.79
G W Brewster, justice's fees, 1925	2.00
Same, labor on wood, 1925	2.75
Maine Development Asso, voted by town	25.00
G A Gray, mowing Central cemetery, 1926	2.00
Same, road machine repairs, 1925	3.85
Walter L Parker Post 156 G A R Memorial Day expenses	15.00
E W Burrill, mowing Union cemetery 1925-26	4.00
Same, mowing Union cemetery, 1925-26	4.00
Same, watch, wood for town hall	12.75
Dillingham's Book Store, blank books and supplies, 1926	24.65
Fellows & Fellows, services on Beckwith Bragg and Lucerne, Maine	35.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, enrollment blanks	



and books	6.70
Arthur M Houston, labor and material for town line signs	6.00
Oscar G Waning, same	6.00
R H Doughty, 4 town line signs	8.00
Mary L Hall, expenses of Bragg family in Ellsworth	11.35
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	\$351.54

## MOTHERS' AID

Paid Blanche W McTague	\$300.00
Due from Danforth Feb 23, 1926	50.00
" state " "	12 50
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	\$362.50
Rec'd from Danforth	\$187 50
" state	150.00
Due from Danforth Feb 24, 1927	12.50
" state " "	12.50
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	362.50

## STATE BOARD CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS

Paid state treasurer on account of John and Elbert Beckwith and Guy Pinkham to July 1, 1926	\$217.55
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## REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL

Paid—	
H R Bates, labor and material	\$41.70
Chas R Ripley	16.50

E T Black	.46
Hollis McTague	.60
R B Dunning Co	5.50
W B Claire	12.00
G A Gray	9.85
G W Brewster	10.30
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	\$ 96.91

## PAUPER

## Paid—

E T Black, supplies for Coburn Crocker	\$11.01
Rec'd from Bucksport on above	11.01

## STATE PAUPER

## Paid—

John Hill, removing body of John Peterson	\$ 2.45
L W Jordan, burial expenses of same	50.00

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 \$52.45

Rec'd from State on above	52.45
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## Paid—

Walter Gray, supplies for Bragg family	\$58.89
Bangor Shoe Store, supplies	1.95

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 \$60.84

Amount due Feb. 23, 1926	29.61
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 \$90.45

Rec'd from state	90.45
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## SCHOOL FUND

Loaned the town		\$1149.69
Interest on loan		68.98
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		\$1218.67
Apportioned schools	\$ 68.98	
Town script	1149.69	
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## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Income to be used for care of Alfred H Gray lot in Central Cemetery		
Feb. 1926 balance in Merrill Trust Co, Bucksport, pass book No. 4257		\$103.78
Feb 1927, interest		4.18
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		\$107.96

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN

## Assets

Due from state on acct mothers' aid	\$ 12.50
Same, dependent children	40.00
Same, sheep killed by bears	21.00
Due from Danforth on acct of mothers' aid	12.50
Due from schools, overdrawn	249.70
Uncollected taxes, 1922	7.62
Same, 192	3.00
Same, 1925	9.00
Same, 1926	124.60
Tax deed	50.80

*It has been in Lawrence  
in 1926 - first year taxed  
in Town*



Two road machines	50.00
Cash in treasury	1881.14
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	\$2461.86

## Liabilities

Due for collecting, 1926	\$ 160.83
Due for collecting, 1923-24-25	3.13
Due for disbursing, 1926	48.87
Outstanding bills, estimated	300.00
Balance	1949.03
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	\$2461.86

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE W BREWSTER	} Selectmen of Dedham
GEORGE A GRAY	
WILLIAM B CLAIRE	

Dedham, Maine, Feb. 24, 1927.

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## Treasurer's Report

E W BURRILL, Treasurer and Collector

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Feb 24	To cash in treasury	\$ 859.69
	uncollected taxes	169.64
May 27	rec'd from town of Danforth acct mothers' aid	37.50

*It sure is Lumber*

Apr 7	town of Bucksport tuition	'2558.00
May 1	state treas acct mothers' aid	37.50
	acct state pensions	27.00
June 10	assessors' commitment	8177.28
July 2	state treas on acct Finn	
	burial	52.45
Aug 2	state treas, state pension	27.00
Aug 14	Gerald Thompson, clerk, dog	
	licenses	34.00
30	state treas, acct mothers' aid	37.50
	town of Bucksport, acct C	
	Crocker	11.01
Nov 2	state treas, acct mothers' aid	37.50
Dec 1	state treas, dog license	
	refunded	11.41
Dec 24	state treas, state school fund	608.84
	state treas, acct state road	827.81
	state treas, acct 3d class road	473.74
1927		
Jan 4	state treas, Bragg	90.45
Jan 28	state treas, acct mothers' aid	37.50
	state treas, state pensions	30.00
Feb 7	town of Danforth, mothers' aid	150.00
	int on deposit	2.68
	int on taxes	44.26
	taxes abated	6.00
	G W Brewster, for lime and	
	cement	1.50
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		\$11850.26

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Apr 1	By paid Jennie R Barnes state pension	\$ 12.00
	Angie Whittier " "	15.00
June 30	Jennie R Barnes " "	12.00
	Angie Whittier " "	15.00
Oct 2	Jennie Barnes R " "	15.00
	state treas, dog licenses	34.00
Dec 7	state treas state tax	1225.14
	county treas county tax	359.17
Dec 31	Jennie R Barnes state pension	15.00

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Feb 8	Oscar Manning for sheep killed by bear	21.00
	selectmen's orders	8050.79
	uncollected taxes	144.22
	tax deed	50.80
	cash in treasury	1881.14
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		\$11850.26

E W BURRILL,

Treasurer and Collector



## Unpaid Taxes

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1922	
Edward Misho	\$7.62
1924	
Victor Morss	3.00
1925	
John Korhonen	3.00
Edward Misho	3.00
Victor Morss	3.00
1926	
Emil Anderson	\$ 3.00
Victor     "	3.00
Ralph Bennock	12.00
Thomas Clement	3.00
Edgar Dauphinee	24.40
Chas F Emery	6.00
Leonard Guptill	3.00
A E Higgins	10.20
John Iola	3.00
Gust Johnson	3.00
William Macki	3.00
Henry Macki	3.00
Gust Maykki	3.00
Emery Osgood	4.20
Ernest L Sargent	3.00

Robert M Weaver	10.40
Edward Misho	4.00
Frank J Graves	4.80
Salem D Copeland	4.80
Ramsay Hubbard & Wing	13.80
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	\$144.22

E W BURRILL, Collector

There is Lumber Company  
association.

1926 being the 1st  
year they are assessed  
for taxes in the town.

## School Report

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Appropriation	\$2200.00
Interest	68.98
State school fund	608.84
Tuition, Bucksport	58.00
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	\$2935.82
Overdraft from 1926	700.72

### Expenditures

Teachers--	
Agnes Berry	\$600.00
Melissa Jones	216.00
Hazel Wilson	324.00
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	\$1140.40

Transportation--	
V L Hooper	\$382.00
Elmer Gray	200.00
Geo A Gray & Son	328.00
Willis Pinkham	36.00
C C Smith	55.00
Chas Johnson	27.00
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	\$1028.00

Tuition--	
City of Bangor	\$80.00
Town of Holden	52.50
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	\$132.50



## Fuel—

C E Scribner	\$33.00
E W Burrill	41.50
Geo Hopkins	2.00
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	\$76.50

## Janitors—

Melissa Jones	\$12.00
Helen Gray	42.50
Geo Hopkins	1.00
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	\$55.50

## Text-books—

Silver, Burdette & Co	\$ 7.94
D C Heath & Co	5.38
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	10.69
E E Babb & Co	19.06
World Book Co	5.25
Maine Public Health Asso	.48
Webster Publishing Co	.45
Laidlaw Bros	2.52
Milton Brdley Co	.53
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	\$52.30

Total expended	\$3185.52
Overdrawn	249.70

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$200.00
Expended	
E T Black	\$ .36

E W Burrill	1.05
John Wakefield	3.00
L F Blair	.85
W F Chute	10.39
M M Miller	8.00
Overdraft, 1925	55.87
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	\$79.52
Balance	\$120.48

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## Superintendents Report

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the condition, progress and needs of the schools of Dedham.

The school census for past year was, including all from five to twenty-one years, 77, 35 boys and 42 girls.

The enrollment is as follows:

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Consolidated	6	2	5	0	7	3	2	1	3	29
Green Lake	3	1	1	3	1	1	4	0	2	16
Total	9	3	6	3	8	4	6	1	5	45
High school pupils										2
Total										<hr/> 47

Miss Melissa Jones taught the spring term at Green

Lake. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Hazel Wilson who is a graduate of Farmington Normal School. The Consolidated school, fall and winter, has been in charge of Miss Agnes Berry of Jacksonville, Maine. With few exceptions our pupils have made progress worthy of any school with the handicaps of a short school year rather poor blackboards and a shortage of texts. Let me call your attention to the needs of seats, proper heating facilities in both schools.

At Green Lake the toilets must be connected with the school-rooms by 1927, new seats secured, window lighting from left and back of pupils, proper heating and the walls redecorated. It is certainly poor economy to continue these schools without proper building equipment available for modern up-to date schools. Each year, I believe we should make some needed improvements and so finally put our schools in proper condition.

Lucerne in Maine is developing fast and soon the town will be called to build and equip a new school building. This will mean a school year of 36 weeks. A bill is now in legislature making our school year 32 weeks in 1928, 34 in 1929, and 36 weeks in 1930.

I am recommending that the town do all necessary repairing this year and so get ready for building at Lucerne, or other improvements which are sure to be needed.

The following recommendations are submitted for 1927-28.



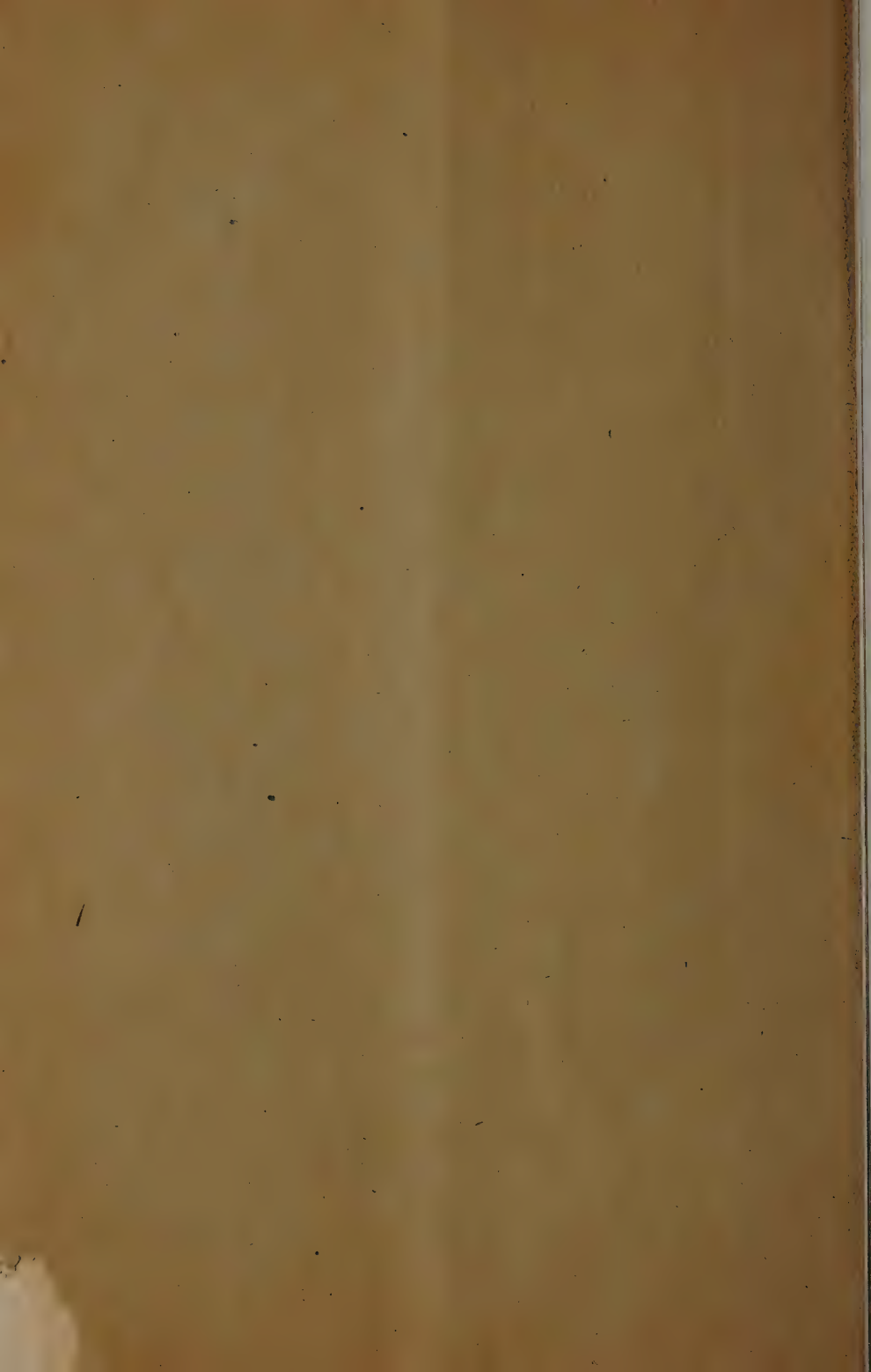
Common schools	\$2200.00
Text-books and supplies	100.00
Repairs	300.00
Interest	68.98
Tuition	300.00

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the hearty support given me by the school board and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

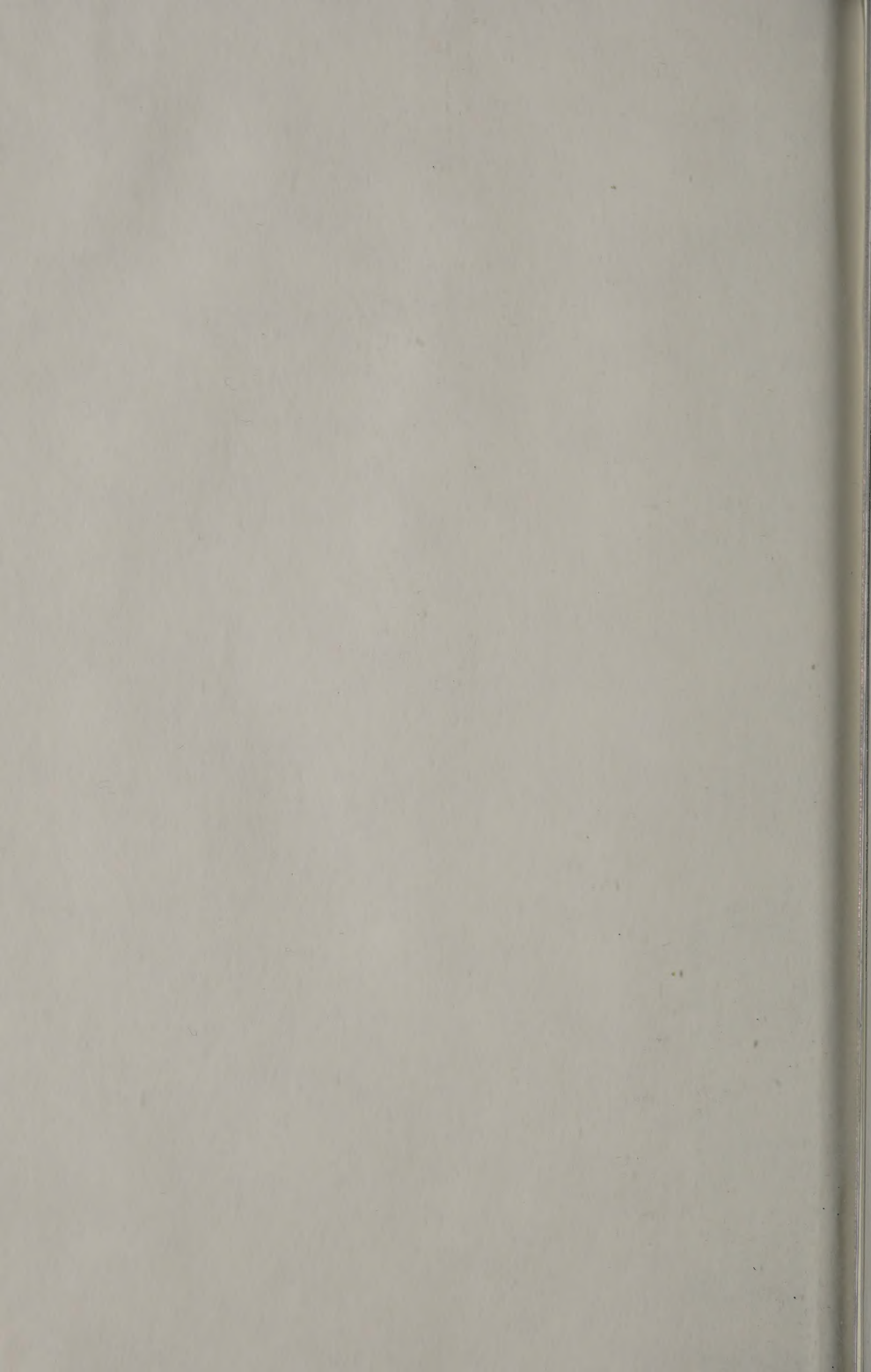
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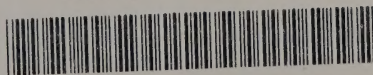






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